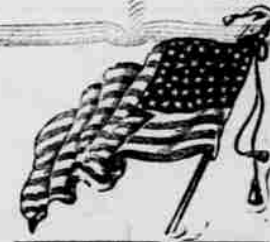




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DR. VON KLEINSMID VISITS WILLIAMS

Dr. Rufus B. von KleinSmid, president of the University of Arizona, was in Williams July Fourth. He came here expecting to address the people of Williams at a community picnic at Coleman Lake which the Williams Development Association had planned to hold on the Fourth and about which they had written Dr. von KleinSmid. Through a misunderstanding Dr. von KleinSmid cancelled an engagement in El Paso and came here. It was unfortunate that the people of Williams were not at home so that he might have addressed them for he is unusually well informed upon subjects of interest to everyone at this time, for instance food production & conservation and also the work of the Council of Defense. He is an ardent patriot and an address of his would be most fitting on the Fourth of July.

Mr. McDonald Robinson took Dr. von KleinSmid out to Pittman Valley to see the crops and also to show him the potato bugs which are causing some trouble this season. Dr. von KleinSmid stated that the Council of Defense and the State Agricultural College are co-operating on work for the conservation of food and food production and will send a representative to Flagstaff to maintain an office there for the purpose of helping the farmers of this vicinity. The potato bug question will not be overlooked and other like troubles will be investigated and remedied when possible. In the fall the farmers are to be assisted in harvesting their crops, if necessary.

The Council of Defense is doing invaluable work along other lines as may be seen in the changes in the labor situation in the southern part of the state. Dr. von KleinSmid is a member of the Arizona Council of Defense.

After six weeks of strenuous program in the southern part of the state, Dr. von KleinSmid said the cool air of Williams felt delightful and the rest was not unwelcome.

Reminded of Old Times

Seeing Scotty McDougal in the ball game Sunday reminded Rolla Reese of a game between Ash Fork and Williams, in the good old days when Arizona ball teams were wont to send away for professional players to fill a part of their line-up. At this particular game which was played in Ash Fork, Scotty wore a Williams uniform. He was some fleshy then, as now and his uniform fitted him like "something awful". Scotty started to sprint from second to third base, and the Ash Fork players, pursuing the usual tactics, got on either side of him passing the ball back and forth. The Ash Fork players did not attempt to put him out simply kept him running, until his avoidupois gradually commenced to get his wind, and finally Scotty just sat down between the bases and didn't give a d— what happened, he just had to get his breath.

Longest Mine Tunnel

Construction of the longest mine tunnel in Arizona, one of the longest in the world, is now under way at Jerome. The Potter Construction Company, of New York and St. Louis, has contracted to complete within a year a 12,500-foot tunnel that will tap the 1400-foot level of the United Verde Extension mine. It is understood that the total cost of the tunnel is to be over \$1,000,000.

— Parker Post

Mrs. Nell McDaniels and her sister Mrs. Mae Lowell, and Messrs Fred and Pay Wolfe

COLEMAN LAKE DAM COMPLETED

The Williams Development Association has completed the work on the dam at Coleman Lake, with the result that there will be at least four feet more of water in the lake than ever before, which will insure an abundance for all purposes for which it may be needed during the next few years. Ten teams were used to do the work and two weeks were required. Now all that remains to be done to make this an ideal lake is the work of diverting the water from nearby canyons, which could be done with little expense by the construction of small ditches. This would overcome any doubts as to whether or not the water would remain deep enough to supply the demand in a dry season when the lake becomes the summer resort planned.

Coleman Lake is already a favorite picnic ground. The pine trees growing near the edge of the water allow one to keep in the shade and still enjoy the lake. The Association has chosen a place for development obviously intended by nature to add to the pleasures of mankind.

The Association has planned well and carefully carried out their plans and the people of Williams can not value this work too highly. Nothing will enhance the property values more quickly than a popular summer resort.

The road to Coleman Lake has been repaired this spring and is in good condition and the ten mile trip can easily be made by automobile.

The Lake is being stocked and within a few years these will be available for sport.

Mrs. Etta Hill returned to the Grand Canyon Friday.

The Arizona Gazette has an interesting "Come to Arizona" edition out this week. Among other well written articles is a half page entitled "Williams" "Where June Begins in May and Ends in November".

Mrs. Brandt is down from the El Tovar visiting for a few days.

Mr. R. J. Monaghan went to Prescott the Fourth and expects to be gone for two weeks.

A very interesting trip was enjoyed by the auto party that went to Prescott with Rev Summers, Tuesday. The rain kept the dust down as the party went to Prescott and the road was in good condition. Hearing that Prescott had no more accommodations to offer visitors, a stop was made at Jerome Junction for Tuesday night and the run from there to Prescott was taken early the following morning. After attending the celebration, which was good, the party started for Williams Wednesday night. All went splendidly until the canyon just this side of Ash Fork. Here they met an aftermath of the storm which had visited Williams that afternoon. The canyon was full of water—a raging torrent of flood water—and there was nothing to do but to camp by the side of the canyon and wait for the flood to subside. The party did not have to wait alone, however, as three other machines came by and all camped out together.

The Government needs Farmers as well as Fighters. Two million three hundred thousand acres of Oregon and California Railroad Co. Grant Lands. Title reverted in United States. To be opened for homesteads and sale. Containing some of best land left in United States. Large Copyrighted Map, showing land by sections and description of soil, climate, rainfall, elevations, temperature etc. Postpaid one Dollar. Grant Lands Locating

GOOD CROWD SEES SHOUGUN TOURNAMENT

The Saturday Tournament of the Williams Gun Club was well attended. The beginners' Shoot was very successful, quite a number of beginners taking part. Some of them shot two events, usually improving their scores by so doing.

It seemed difficult for the beginners to catch onto the fact that the simple word "pull" would start the bird flying and the regulars had plenty of fun listening to "All right, I'm ready. Let her go". Some beginners even tried to stop the birds with the time honored "whoah" but failed.

Some good shooting was done however and the winners of the prizes deserved them. The prizes offered were, 1st prize, Sterling silver fob; 2nd prize, trophy spoon, 3rd prize, purse. The score was as follows:

Claude Polson	22
Demas Yoder	17
L. Spellmire	16 13
Ed Johnson	16
Claude Melick	10
H. Wilson	10 10
D. J. Fream	8 21
C. E. Dunlap	8 14
Geo. Baumann	4
Ed Coleman	3
Frank Sylvester	4
E. L. Shaw	11
Roy Watson	19
Chas. Larson	3
Bobbie Burns	13

In the shoot for regulars the scores were:

Finney	24
Lowe	24
Wade	20
Melick	19
K. Hughes	18 19

The next shoot will be held on July 15. As the location of the trap is to be changed the secretary will notify members where the shoot will be held.

Miss Grace Bull and Miss Watson are having unusual success with their farming. Prospects are good for a real crop of spuds. The plants are now growing splendidly and as yet are free from potato bugs, those undesirable insects which are reported by some to be sitting on the clods in the spud patches waiting for the plants to appear on the surface.

Miss Bull and Miss Watson have planted several kinds of vegetables including squash, cucumbers, cabbages, beans, corn and onions. The onions it should be mentioned, are from Chicago and are expected to produce a "city" atmosphere thereby giving an air of culture to the rest of the crop.

The cutworms seem to favor the corn and beans but have done little damage as yet.

Altogether there are four acres planted and doing well under the supervision of Miss Bull and Miss Watson, on the Benham ranch.

Southeastern Missouri has been swept by a puzzling disease, during the last month. Over seventy children died in two weeks and more than two hundred were ill at the last reports. The disease seems to be a severe form of summer complaint which is attributed to abnormal weather conditions—a late cold spring quickly followed by warm weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Orr were Prescott visitors the past week.

Miss Reola Phillips, who has been visiting in Wichita, Kansas for the past month, returned to Williams Friday.

WillGo to France

Dr. W. E. McWhirt received a letter this week from the War Department informing him that he had passed successfully the examination for the Medical Corps Reserve, and that he should hold himself in readiness for assignment.

THE DAY WAS HOT AND THE LEANS WON

In the ball game, Sunday, the "Leans" proved better runners than the "Fats" and ran off with the game, scoring 21 hits while their weightier opponents secured lots of the pretty round 0's. However, thanks to Scotty's able assistance, the fats did succeed in crossing the plate eight times during the afternoon. Scotty probably will qualify for the other team, hereafter, unless his record for catching flies in center causes some big league to grab him before another game.

The lineup was as follows:

Catcher, Sweeney
Pitcher, Conway
1st B., Fortney
2nd B., Harry McDougal
3rd B., Wilson
S. S. Montgomery
L. F., Kimball
C. F. Poley
R. F., Paddock

Catcher, Montoyne
Pitcher, Jock Hojo
1st, Mathews
2nd B., K. Hughes
S. S. Kincannon
L. F., Fream
C. Scotty McDougal
R. F., Spellmire

Umpires, Jean and Utter. The proceeds of the afternoon were given to the Williams Development Association.

There will be another game for the same cause in the near future.

Hanford Scott and Demas Yoder were quite conspicuous Flagstaff visitors, the Fourth, owing to their auto trouble on the way home. Chas Willis was seen doing considerable pumping, also. How happy one feels when hearing that familiar sound of a blowout. But these are the joys of motoring. Ask Messrs Mackey and Goble, also the man with the flivver whose engine was so overcome with heat, it would not go up a hill. Poor thing. There were many other makes that did some awful snorting going thru Pittman Valley on the return from Flagstaff.

The President has issued regulations to govern the drafting which is to be begun soon, probably about the middle of this month. No class exceptions are to be made. The names of those drawn will be published as soon as known.

The following are listed as those who must be exempted: Federal and state officers, ministers, divinity students, persons in military or naval service, German subjects other than without first papers, county and municipal officers, customs clerks, workmen in federal armories, arsenals and navy yards; persons in the federal service designated by president, pilots, merchant sailors, those with status towards dependents making exclusion desirable (dependent wife or children, son or dependent widow, or parent or brother, dependent orphan under 16); those morally deficient and any member of a well recognized religious sect existing May 18 whose creed forbids participation in war and whose religious convictions accord with their creed.

Rescue the Perishing??

Mr. Mackey got into a little trouble on the road to Flag Wednesday night. Just after reaching Brannigans Flat near Flagstaff, Mackey drove off the road into a ditch. The flat is filled in at that place and the ditch is some four or five feet deep. Hanford Scott offered to help the stranded party and went to get a rope at the ranch nearby. As he turned in at the ranch road he managed to lose the front wheel of his new auto so there were two stranded machines for Earl Polson and Charlie Button to rescue in the wee sma' hours Thursday

COUNCIL SECURES ELECTRIC SERVICE IN RECORD TIME

SANTA FE VS. TOWN SUNDAY, 2.30 P.M.

Sunday, July 8, another interesting ball game will be played for the benefit of the Williams Development Association.

This game will be between the Santa Fe team and a town team picked partly from the Home Guard and the Browns. There are some speedy men on these two teams and with a single team composed of the pick of the two a good game of ball should result. The sum of two bits, a quarter, or twenty-five cents will admit anyone, man woman or child to the game and also give rights to choice seats in the grand stand. The cause is worthy. Don't miss this chance to earn the right to enjoy Coleman Lake.

American Independence Day was observed almost as an international holiday. Paris took the lead in enthusiasm while London flew the American flag side by side with the French and English flags from all public buildings, and in Rio Janeiro battalions from Admiral Capertons fleet marched through the streets with the Brazilian, French and British detachments.

Breaks an Arm

A few weeks ago Supervisor Cresswell lariatied a new Ford, and since that time has been trying to train it for a household pet. He apparently was getting along famously until Tuesday afternoon, when in attempting to crank it the blame thing kicked back, breaking both bones just above his right wrist. He is now in splints and meditating whether to turn the Ford back on the range or give it away.

— Winslow Mail

NATURE SUPPLIES THE FIREWORKS

The ordinances of the Town of Williams deprive youthful patriots from firing off fireworks larger than a cap pistol in town, and for that reason the Fourth in Williams was passing off as quietly as any Sunday until along in the afternoon when nature supplied the fireworks for a fitting observance of the day. Amid impressive flashes of lightning and breath-catching claps of thunder, the offering of the skies was poured upon the fields and gardens about Williams. The downpour was accompanied by a great deal of hail that did much damage to the gardens about town. The more delicate vegetables, such as lettuce and cabbage plants, were riddled by the hail and many of the cabbage plants were apparently killed. Potatoes were beaten down but will soon revive completely.

The farmers from the farming sections about town report an abundance of rain, but not so much hail as was received in Williams. The damage done is inconsiderable compared with the benefit that the rain will prove to the crops. A great yield of both potatoes and hay now seems assured.

Rainfall not Heavy

The rainfall has not been as great as commonly believed. The sudden downpours giving the impression of a heavier rain than actually falls. The rainfall for the week has been as follows: July 2, .48 in.; July 4, 1.22; July 5, .01 in.

Williams has experienced unusually hot weather this summer, the thermometer having registered 94 on June 30. The temperature was 92 on the hottest day last year.

Council Secures Transformers, Rents Electric Equipment of Water and Electric Company and Contracts for Power from the Saginaw—Night Service now and Day Service Later

Last Saturday the Town Council and the State Corporation Commission met in an all day session with Duke M. Farson, Chief owner of the Williams Water and Electric Company. At this conference, the Corporation Commission completed its appraisal of the electrical equipment of the Water Company, after hearing witnesses, to get an estimate on the value of the real estate holdings of the company. The total valuation of the equipment remaining after the fire, is set under \$7,000.00 The loss due to the fire is estimated at about \$25,000.

The appraisal of the Company's property that is used in supplying the town with water has not been completed, altho considerable work has been done toward arriving at a valuation. The water rights of the company are considered to be non-existent, as the Saginaw & Manistee Lumber Company have the first and only real right to the water of the Saginaw Canyon. The value of the pipe lines, meters and so on, has been computed for the most part so that it will not be difficult to complete the appraisal, should the city wish to buy this, later on.

The Saginaw & Manistee Lumber Company was represented at the meeting by Mr. R. A. Nickerson, Manager, and showed a most commendable interest in the town. Mr. Nickerson assured the council that the Mill stands ready to do everything it can for the interest of the town, without interfering seriously with its own business. He offered to supply electrical power to a municipal switchboard at whatever rate the Town and the Corporation may find to be equitable. This would include day service in case the Town should purchase the equipment of the Water Company and contract for power for a long period—the Mill itself installing all the extra equipment necessary in order to supply an abundance of power.

In regard to water rights in the Saginaw Canyon, Mr. Nickerson assured the Council that he would willingly concede to the Town itself a right to all of the water in the Canyon that the town might use after the Mill's needs had been supplied. There is a superabundance of water to be had in the Canyon for the needs of both the Mill and the Town. Further development and conservation of the water supply should give Williams water, second to none in quality and ample in quantity.

The Council took up the matter of electric service and arranged with Mr. Farson to rent the electrical equipment of his company for eight per cent of the appraised valuation per annum. Arrangement was also made with Mr. Nickerson to secure power from the Mill, the rate for service to be determined by the Corporation Commission. Transformers had already been ordered by Mr. Stover. This arrangement will supply the town with power and light at night, temporarily. Arrangements for day service will be completed, later.

The Council gave considerable consideration to the proposition of buying the electrical equipment of the Water Company. Money could be borrowed to make the purchase, and at a reasonable rate of interest. The amount needed

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